

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 11, 2008

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 8:35 am by Marilyn Wilkinson
2. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY’S AGENDA
 - John Degenfelder – I was out at Barnett Ranch on New Year’s Eve and there was a pretty big crowd of equestrians out there using the trail and it was great. I am also distributing a flyer about a design contest for the new trail marker logo for the Santa Maria Creek Greenway. The contest is for youth ages 14-18 and I need to get 5 or 6 volunteers from this committee to be the judges for the contest. Marilyn Wilkinson, Doug Goad, Roger Utt, Rick Landavazo and John Degenfelder volunteered to be on the judging panel.
 - Doug Goad – We found a new source for fencing in Encinitas, which is Lifetime Lumber. It is a plastic type fencing and we are going to be putting it in at various locations throughout the city.
3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 14, 2007 MINUTES
 - Approval of December 14, 2007 Minutes
MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 14, 2007 – Rod Groenewold, 2nd Roger Utt
ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-1
4. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Sean O’Neill
 - Distributed the December accomplishments.
 - On December 21, 2007 we acquired 11.63 acres near Beyer Boulevard that will be an active park.
 - Distributed flyer for our Annual Award Ceremony, which will be on February 14, 2008 at the Fallbrook Community Center and we invite and hope you all will come and join us. The ceremony will be at 10:00 am and then there will be lunch served.
5. PLDO and CSA Fund Balance Reports – Melissa Lowrey
 - Distributed the updated PLDO and CSA reports.
 - ◆ John Degenfelder – I attended a meeting last night and some of the members were confused by these reports. Is there a way to make them easier to read and understand?
 - ◆ Charlene Ayers – There was a complaint at the meeting last night that they don’t understand these spreadsheets and what they really are showing for the areas PLDO balances.
 - We are actually already working on revising these spreadsheets to include more of the projects that have already been approved and are in the works and that many times the fund balance is not the most accurate figure because there are projects in

the works, but all of the funds have not yet been expended. We will bring these new spreadsheets to this group once they have been prepared.

- ◆ Charlene Ayers – I think that what you have suggested would clear things up for people.
- ◆ Marilyn Wilkinson – I would like to know what triggers the new rate for PLDO?
- We will look into that and report back next month.
 - ◆ Jim Peugh – What is the difference between the fund balance and the actual balance.
- The difference is that if you have a project that has been approved and may even be in the works, but since the project is not complete there is still money shown in the fund balance that will be spent by the time the project is complete.

6. NORTH COUNTY MSCP REVIEW – Maeve Hanley

- The North County MSCP review is to try and streamline the permit process that a developer will go through and at the same time benefit us by giving us a preserve system that is unified.
- It covers some major areas in the North County including the Ramona Area, Rancho Guejito, San Luis Rey, Escondido Creek and up to De Luz.
- There are some projects known as hardline projects, which are projects that come into DPLU in an area where we already know the biological data.
 - ◆ Charlene Ayers – Have all of the negotiations been completed? I know that a few years ago the Rancho Guejito area had not been completed.
- Rancho Guejito is not a hardline project, but we have included it in this plan.
- Just because a developer applies for hardline permit they do not get to skip any of the processes, they still have to go through all of the environmental reviews and planning requirements.
- There are no US Fish and Wildlife refuges in the North County MSCP like there are in the South County MSCP.
 - ◆ Charlene Ayers – I know that in the South County MSCP a specific developer gave a bunch of land to the MSCP and then he received a hardline zoning and permit for land they had in Lakeside. Are you saying that this is not something that will happen with the hardlines in North County?
- The Lakeside land was a very special circumstance and not the normal.
 - ◆ Mike McCoy – Is there something in this document that would stop the cities from encroaching or changing the designation of the area?
- All of the areas that we have in our boundary are in the unincorporated areas of the county and a city cannot come in and change our lands. The very rare exception is if a city were to annex some of the unincorporated property into their city, but they would still have to follow the county's guidelines.
- This is a Section 10 permit that would allow us to have the entire area and include a large number of species of animals and habitat.
- Unlike the South County MSCP this is still a draft plan and will be going out for public review this year.
 - ◆ Mike McCoy – I would like to request that the County review this in conjunction with the local jurisdictions all throughout the county, so that there is a standardization for all of the areas regardless of the jurisdiction that oversees the land.
 - ◆ Charlene Ayers – Would that mean that the plan would have to go back for this type of change?

- We will forward this request to DPLU for their review.
 - ◆ Jim Peugh – To what extent will the corridor areas be preserved?
- In any of these areas it does not mean that no development can occur, but does give guidelines for preserving the land. The average is 25% developed and 75% preserved. I do not know to what extent the corridor areas will be protected as opposed to other areas.
 - ◆ Roger Utt – Who gets to decide the 25% that is allowed to be developed?
- DPLU will review the developer applications and then it still has to go through all of the zoning and environmental reviews from DPLU and DPR.
- I think that this is a great discussion and I will ask Maeve to stay after if you still have specific questions and then will add this to the next agenda as well for further discussion. Also, remember that this is a draft plan and we are just at the beginning of the public review period.

7. RAMONA GRASSLANDS – Maeve Hanley

- There is good news on the Ramona Grasslands. We recently had two acquisitions approved by Board of Supervisors. The Davis/Eagle Ranch which is approximately 950 acres and Oak Country Estates which is approximately 230 acres.
- This is a total of 1,180 acres expanding on the existing Ramona Grasslands Preserve of 490 acres.
- We partnered with The Nature Conservancy on this purchase and are hoping to close escrow in the spring.
- Funding for these acquisitions are \$1.9 million County General Fund and \$4.75 million Federal funding.

8. JESS MARTIN PARK UPDATE – Renée Bahl

- The assessment for Jess Martin Park in Julian went out. The results were given at the Board of Supervisors meeting in December and the ballot failed with 45% in favor and 55% opposed. At the same meeting the Board directed us to begin procedures and steps for another ballot.
- As of January 1, 2008 the park is now temporarily closed.
- On January 30th we will go back to the Board of Supervisors to get permission to initiate the ballot proceedings, then will return on March 26th for permission to tabulate the ballots that were received and then finally on April 9th we would give the ballot results to the Board.
 - ◆ Marilyn Wilkinson – What happens if it fails again?
- There is no definite plan in place if the second ballot does fail, so it will then be a decision for the Board of Supervisors.
 - ◆ Jim Peugh – How do you decide the amount and area for the fee?
- The property owners that receive the most benefit vote are established and there is a 90% to 10% fee balance established which means that the people that benefit the most pay for 90% of the fees and then 10% is general benefit and is paid for by County general funds.
 - ◆ Marilyn Wilkinson – Would it be helpful if we went and talked to the Planning Group in the area?
- Previously the Planning Group supported the first ballot going out and I do not think that has changed, but they are still only a small number of those actually voting.

9. Opportunity for Members of Public to Speak on Any Items Not on Today's Agenda

- Tracy and Karen from the Rios Canyon Little League on projects near the Rios Canyon ball fields:
 - ♦ There is a housing project going in next to the baseball fields. The Lakeside Planning Group PLDO funds to purchase 2 lots from TM 5470 Flinn Springs Estates on Blossom Valley Road (lots 15 and 16). Will be used to add to the existing parking area for the ballfields. If we do not get these lots and add to our parking capabilities we will be unable to accommodate the little league needs, especially since
 - ♦ We are currently applying for grants from various agencies for funding for maintenance for the fields.
 - ♦ I am also trying to work with Dianne Jacob's office to see if we can get some funding for our ballfields.
 - Rick Landavazo – Are the current Little League Fields owned by the organization or the county?
 - ♦ The land is owned by the County, but the maintenance and use is not funded by the county.

10. Adjournment at 9:50 am

ATTENDEES:

Mike McCoy, District 1
John Carroll, District 1
Marilyn Wilkinson, District 2
John Degenfelder, District 2
Doug Goad, District 3
Jim Peugh, District 4
Roger Utt, District 4
Rod Groenewold, District 5
Rick Landavazo, District 5
Renée E. Bahl, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Sean O'Neill, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Sabrina Hicks, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Melissa Lowrey, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Maeve Hanley, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Tracy Coker, Rios Canyon Little League
Karen, Rios Canyon Little League
Charlene Ayers, Public